

CHAPTER SIX: VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CODE

Subchapter 6.01: General

Division 1: Authorizations and Designations

6.01.010 Definitions.

The definition of words and phrases contained in the Vehicle Code of the State of California shall be deemed to be incorporated herein and shall apply to such words and phrases used herein as though set forth herein in full.

[*History:* formerly § 6.101; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.020 Violation.

- (a) The penalty for violating any parking restriction set forth in this Code shall be \$38.00.
- (b) Any person violating any of the provisions of this subchapter shall be an infraction, which shall be punishable as set forth in section 1.05.010 et seq.

[*History:* formerly § 6.102; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05, ORD. 643, 4/12/06; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

[*Reference:* Vehicle Code § 42001]

6.01.030 Persons Authorized to Direct Traffic.

The Chief of Police, his deputies, and the officers of the Police Department are hereby authorized to direct all traffic by means of visible or audible signals and it shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of a traffic or police officer. It shall be unlawful for any person to direct or attempt to direct traffic unless authorized to do so by order of the Chief of Police.

[*History:* formerly § 6.103; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

[*Reference:* Vehicle Code § 21100]

6.01.040 Signal Placement.

The Council shall, by resolution, determine and designate the place of all official warnings and direction signals and signs. Subject to this selection, the Police Department is hereby authorized, and as those signs require hereunder, it shall be its duty, to place and maintain or cause to be placed and maintained all official warning and direction signs and signals. All signs authorized and required hereunder for a particular purpose shall be uniform.

No provision of this chapter for which signs are required shall be enforceable against the alleged violator if, at the time and place of the alleged violation, the sign herein required is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinary observant person.

[*History:* formerly § 6.104; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

[*Reference:* Vehicle Code § 21100]

6.01.050 Signal Color Designation.

Whenever traffic at any intersection is required by a stop-and-go mechanical or electrical signal the following colors may be used and one other, and those colors herein authorized shall be indicated as follows:

Red, or the word *Stop*, except in flashing signals, requires that traffic shall stop and remain standing;

Green, or the word *Go*, requires that traffic shall move and continue in motion except when stopped for the purpose of avoiding an accident or in the event of other emergency or when stopped at the command of a police officer;

Amber shall indicate preparation for a change in the direction of traffic movement. When amber is shown, no traffic shall enter the intersection until a green or go signal is shown.

The ringing of a bell in connection with any mechanical or electrical signal shall indicate preparation for a change in the direction of traffic movement. When such bell is sounded, no traffic shall enter the intersection until a green or go signal is given.

[*History:* formerly § 6.106; ORD 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.060 Emergency Vehicles.

The provisions of this chapter regulating the movement and standing of vehicles shall not apply to ambulances, fire department, or of a public utility while the driver of any such vehicle is engaged in the necessary performance of emergency duties.

[*History:* formerly §, 6.01.090, previously 6.109; ORD. 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.070 Private Roads Subject to Vehicle Code.

(a) The City Council finds that the roads of the Colma Heights Townhouse and Office Association complex, located at 401 through 419 B Street, and 7621 through 7627 El Camino Real, are privately owned and maintained, and are not generally held open for use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, but by reason of their proximity to or connection with streets in

the Town, the interests of any residents residing along the roads and the motoring public will best be served by application of the provisions of the Vehicle Code to those roads.

(b) The provisions of the Vehicle Code of the State of California shall apply to the roads of the Colma Heights Townhouse and Office Association complex, located at 401 through 419 B Street, and 7621 through 7627 El Camino Real.

[*History:* formerly § 6.01.100, previously § 6.110; ORD. 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 423, 06/12/91; ORD. 451, 4/14/93; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

[*Authority:* Vehicle Code § 21107.6 (private roads serving commercial establishments) and § 21107.7 (private roads not open for public use)]

6.01.075 Off-street Parking Facilities Subject to Specified Traffic Laws.

(a) The City Council finds and declares that there are privately owned and maintained off-street parking facilities within the Town of Colma that are generally held open for use of the public for purposes of vehicular parking. It is the intent of the City Council that California Vehicle Code, Sections 22350, 23103, and 23109 and the provisions of Division 16.5 (commencing with Section 38000) shall apply to privately owned and maintained off-street parking facilities designated herein.

(b) This section applies to every privately owned and maintained off-street parking facility located within the Town of Colma that is generally held open for use of the public for purposes of vehicular parking, including but not limited to:

- 1) 280 Metro Mall
- 2) Serra Center
- 3) Babies R Us
- 4) Kohl's
- 5) Lucky Chances Casino
- 6) Molloy's Tavern

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) above, this section does not apply to an off-street parking facility unless the owner or operator has caused to be posted in a conspicuous place at each entrance to that off-street parking facility a notice not less than 17 by 22 inches in size with lettering not less than one inch in height, to the effect that the off-street parking facility is subject to public moving vehicle laws and violators may be subject to citation.

(d) The Town is hereby authorized to approve additional sign locations and to establish uniform sign sizes, colors, sizes of lettering, and other information that may be required on all signs in order to be in compliance with this section. If the Town establishes such criteria, all signs required by this section shall be brought into compliance within 90 days.

[*History:* ORD. 777, 4/11/18]

6.01.78 Parking Space Markings.

The city traffic engineer is authorized, on the basis of public necessity as determined by traffic engineers' studies, to allocate parking spaces upon the public streets, including spaces for cycles, scooters and compact cars, as well as regulation-length vehicles. When such parking-space marks have been placed on the streets, as authorized under this section, only one vehicle of the type designated for use of such space shall park therein, and no person shall park except within the boundaries of the spaced defined.

[*History:* ORD. 791, 3/27/19]

6.01.080 Designation of Crosswalks.

The Police Department is hereby authorized and required to establish and maintain and to designate upon the surface of the roadway by appropriate devices, marks or white lines crosswalks at all places where, in its opinion, there is a danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway.

[*History:* formerly § 6.01.070, previously 6.107; ORD. 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.090 Points of Reference.

As used in this Chapter:

- (a) Point of Reference "MRE-1" means the point at the northeast corner of Lawndale Boulevard and Mission Road where the prolongation of those two streets intersects;
- (b) Point of Reference "MRE-2" means the point at the northeast corner of the southerly driveway to 1500 Mission Road (Holy Cross Cemetery) where the prolongation of that driveway and that street intersects;
- (c) Point of Reference "MRE-3" means the point at the northeast corner of the middle driveway to 1500 Mission Road (Holy Cross Cemetery) where the prolongation of that driveway and that street intersects;
- (d) Point of Reference "MRE-4" means the point at the northeast corner of the northerly driveway to 1500 Mission Road (Holy Cross Cemetery) where the prolongation of that driveway and that street intersects;
- (e) Point of Reference "MRW-1" means the point at the northwest corner of Lawndale Boulevard and Mission Road where the prolongation of those two streets intersects;
- (f) Point of Reference "MRW-2" means the point at the northwest corner of Isabelle Way and Mission Road where the prolongation of those two streets intersects;

- (g) Point of Reference "MRW-3" means the point 6 feet south of the northerly property line to 1427 Mission Road, which point is on the northerly wall of the building at 1427 Mission Road;
- (h) Point of Reference "MRW-4" means the point 540 feet north of Point of Reference MRW-3, which point is on the northerly wall of the building at 1427 Mission Road;
- (i) Point of Reference "ECR-1" means the point at the northwest corner of El Camino Real and F Street where the prolongation of those two streets intersect;
- (j) Point of Reference "HBE-1" means the point at the southeast corner of Serramonte Boulevard and Hillside Boulevard where the prolongation of those two streets intersect.

[History: New ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.100 Designation of Bus Stop Zones.

The City Engineer is authorized to establish special zones on any public right-of-way in the Town of Colma for a purpose other than the normal flow of traffic or for the movement of equipment, articles, or structures of unusual size, such as for construction purposes, where the parking of any vehicle would prohibit or interfere with the use of movement. A Special Zone No- parking Zone shall be marked with a conspicuous sign posted in the nearby area.

Mission Road

- (a) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of Mission Road beginning at a point 521 feet north of Point of Reference MRE-1, and extending northerly 67 feet; and
- (b) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of Mission Road beginning at Point of Reference MRE-3, and extending northerly 46 feet; and
- (c) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of Mission Road beginning at a point 94 feet north of Point of Reference MRE-4, and extending northerly 50 feet; and
- (d) A bus stop zone on the westerly side of Mission Road beginning at a point 146 feet north of Point of Reference MRW-4 and extending 87 feet northerly; and
- (e) A bus stop zone on the westerly side of Mission Road beginning at a point 756 feet north of Point of Reference MRW-4 and extending 50 feet northerly; and

El Camino Real

- (f) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of El Camino Real beginning at Albert M. Teglia Boulevard extending southerly 73 feet; and

- (g) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of El Camino Real beginning at the centerline of the San Mateo County Transit District bus stop located between Serramonte and Colma Boulevard, and extending northerly 45 feet and southerly 45 feet; and
- (h) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of El Camino Real beginning 25 feet southerly of the southwest corner at 1201 El Camino Real and extending southerly 105 feet; and
- (i) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of El Camino Real beginning 19 feet south of the southeast corner of the driveway at 1361 El Camino Real and extending southerly 80 feet; and
- (j) A bus stop zone on the westerly side of El Camino Real, starting at the F Street curb return on El Camino Real and continuing northerly 171 feet; and
- (k) A bus stop on the westerly side of El Camino Real beginning at a point 15' northerly of the north curb line prolongation of Colma Boulevard and extending northerly 84 feet; and
- (l) A bus stop zone on the westerly side of El Camino Real beginning at the southwesterly corner of the intersection of El Camino Real and Serramonte Boulevard and extending southerly 118 feet; and
- (m) A bus stop zone on the westerly side of El Camino Real, beginning 79 feet northerly of north driveway edge to 1370 El Camino Real extending northerly 100 feet; and

Junipero Serra Boulevard

- (n) A bus stop zone on the westerly side of Junipero Serra Boulevard beginning at the north curb line prolongation of Colma Boulevard extending northerly 100 feet; and
- (o) A bus stop zone on the westerly side of Junipero Serra Boulevard beginning at the northerly curb line prolongation of the Serra Center main entrance extending northerly 100 feet; and
- (p) A bus stop zone on the westerly side of Junipero Serra Boulevard beginning 133 feet southerly of the southwest corner of Serramonte Boulevard extending southerly 81 feet; and
- (q) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of Junipero Serra Boulevard beginning 63 feet northerly of the northeast corner of Colma Boulevard extending northerly 81 feet; and
- (r) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of Junipero Serra Boulevard beginning 206 feet northerly of the northeast corner of the Serra Center main driveway extending northerly 100 feet; and
- (s) A bus stop zone on the easterly side of Junipero Serra Boulevard beginning 190 feet northerly of the northeast corner of Serramonte Boulevard extending northerly 100 feet.

[History: formerly § 6.02.100, previously § 6.209.1; ORD. 269, 04/14/82; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

Division 2: Prohibited Conduct

6.01.110 Disobeying Signals.

It shall be unlawful for any operator or pedestrian to disobey the instructions of any mechanical or electrical traffic signal, traffic sign, or marks upon the street placed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

No public utility or department in this Town shall erect or place any barrier or sign unless of a type first approved by the Council. It shall be unlawful for any operator or pedestrian to disobey the instructions of any structure or barrier or sign approved as above provided, erected or placed by a public utility or any department of this Town.

[History: formerly § 6.01.050, previously § 6.105; ORD. 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.120 Special No-parking Zones; Removal of Vehicles.

(a) The City Engineer is authorized to establish special zones on any public right-of-way in the Town of Colma for a purpose other than the normal flow of traffic or for the movement of equipment, articles, or structures of unusual size, such as for construction purposes, where the parking of any vehicle would prohibit or interfere with the use of movement. A Special Zone No- parking Zone shall be marked with a conspicuous sign posted in the nearby area.

(b) No person may park, stand or stop any vehicle in a special zone. The penalty for violation of this section shall be \$38.00, and the vehicle may be removed pursuant to the following paragraph.

(c) Any peace officer or any regularly employed and salaried employee of the Town of Colma may remove any vehicle that is parked in a special zone in violation of this section, provided that a sign giving notice that the vehicle might be removed has been in place in the special zone at least 24 hours prior to the removal of the vehicle.

[History: formerly § 6.01.110, previously § 6.111, ORD. 595, 9/11/02; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.130 Vehicle Repairing or Dismantling.

(a) No person shall construct or cause to be constructed, repair or cause to be repaired, dismantle or cause to be dismantled, any vehicle or any part thereof upon any public street in the City, or park, stop or leave any wreck, dismantled or inoperative vehicle or any part thereof upon any public street in the City, except that temporary emergency repairs or repairs that may be accomplished within a two-hour period may be made upon a public street.

(b) Violation of this section shall constitute an infraction, which shall be punishable as set forth in section 1.05.010 of the Colma Municipal Code, and a public nuisance subject to the provisions of Subchapter 2.01 of Chapter One of the Colma Municipal Code (section 2.01.010, et seq).

[*History:* formerly § 6.02.050, previously § 6.205; ORD. 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.140 Use of Grease or Gasoline.

(a) No person shall cause or permit any grease, lubrication, oil, gasoline, fuel or any other substance likely to cause deterioration or damage to a public street, to collect upon any public street.

(b) Violation of this section shall constitute an infraction, which shall be punishable as set forth in section 1.05.010 of the Colma Municipal Code, and a public nuisance subject to the provisions of Subchapter 2.01 of Chapter One of the Colma Municipal Code (section 2.01.010, et seq).

[*History:* formerly § 6.02.060, previously § 6.206; ORD. 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]

6.01.150 Unauthorized Signals or Signs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or maintain or to establish any device other than an official warning or direction sign or signal erected under competent authority upon or in view of a street which purports to be or is an imitation or resembles an official warning or direction sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic or the actions of operators, and any such prohibited device shall be a public nuisance, and the Police Department may remove it or cause it to be removed without notice.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully deface, injure, move, or interfere with any official warning or direction sign or signal.

[*History:* formerly § 6.01.080, previously § 6.108; ORD. 249, 5/14/80; ORD. 638, 12/14/05; ORD. 712, 10/10/12]